

Helped Our Family Succeed

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Bishop Kelley has been a big part of our lives for many years. Our two sons, Paul, age 20, and Mike, age 18, went to BKS from kindergarten through eighth grade. Our daughter, Mary Beth, is currently in fifth grade and has been here since pre-school. We chose BKS because we wanted a truly Catholic education for our children. We are delighted that our kids are learning Catholic values, all the more because of the school's anti-bullying policy, so necessary in our society.

We've also seen Catholic values demonstrated in the way the school family treats families in special situations: Those who have a family member, including a student, with a chronic medical problem, are given due consideration yet treated "like one of us" in the classroom.

Those students who have lost a grandparent or another loved one are shown special love and sympathy. Differences such as divorce, different faith traditions etc. are treated with discretion, empathy and respect.

In addition, the academics they have learned at BKS are top-notch: Both our sons graduated in the top 10 of their high-school classes and have received major scholarships. Mike easily tested out of ninth-grade English (having already read all but two short stories while at BKS). He scored in the 100th percentile on the English portion of his PLAN test (a pre-ACT college aptitude test), a rare feat. Lastly, he was Lapeer County's only National Merit Finalist in 2011 - which earned him a major scholarship to the University of Oklahoma.

Both boys are active in their faith and are regularly commended for their behavior, work ethic and respect, values we expect at home and which BKS has instilled.

These are tough times financially for all of us and a Catholic education is truly a financial sacrifice for many, even at a school that works so hard to remain affordable as BKS. However, this is a sacrifice that is definitely worth it. God willing, we hope our daughter and many others will be able to continue the tradition.

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